Look on him—through his dungeon grate, Feebly and cold, the morning light Comes stealing round him, dim and late As if it loathed the sight. Reclining on his strawy bad, His hand upholds his drooping head— His bloodless cheek is seamed and hard, Unshorn his grey, neglected heard; And o'er his bony fingers flow— His long dishevelled locks of snow.

No grateful fire before him glows, And yet the winter's breath is chill; And o'er his half-clad person goes The frequent ague thrill I Silent—save ever and anon.
A sound, half murmer and half groan,
Forces spart the painful grip
Of the sufferer's bearded lip? O sad and crushing is the fate Of old age chained and desolate I

Just God, why lives that old man there ? A murderer shares his prison bed, Whose eye balls, through his horrid hair Gleam on him fierce and red: And the rude oath and heartless jeer Fall ever on his loathing ear, And, or in wakefulness or sleep, Nerve, flesh and fibre thrill and creep, Whene'er that ruffian's tossing hmb, Crimson with murder, touches him

What has the gray haired prisoner done? Has murder stain'd his hands with gore? Not sor his crime's a fouler one; God made the old man Poor! For this he shares a felon's coll,-The fittest earthly type of held! For this-the boon for which he poured His young blood on the invader's sword, And counted light the fearful cost-His blood-gained Liberty is lost!

On so, for such a place of rest, Old prisoner, poured the blood as rain On Concord's field, and Bunker's crest, And Saratoga's plain ? Look forth, thou man of many scars, Through thy dim dungeon's iron bars;
It must be joy, in sooth, to see
You monument upreared to thee;
Piled grante and a prison cell—
The land repays thy service well !

Go, ring the bells and fire the guns, And fling the starry bander out, Shout "Freedom!" till your lisping ones Give back their cradled shout; Let boasted eloquence declaim Of honor, liberty and fame; Still let poet's strain be heard, With 'glory" for each second word, And every thing with breath agree To praise "our glorious liberty !"

But when the patriot's cannon jars
The prices cold and gloomy wall.
And through its grates the stripes and stars Rise on the wind and fall— Think ye that prisoner's aged car Rejoices in the general cheer ? Think ye his dim and failing eye is kindled at your pageantry? Sorrowing of soul, and chained of limb, What is your carnival to him !

Down with the Law that binds him thus ? Unworthy freemen, let it find No refuge from the withering curse Of God and human kind ! Open the prisoner's living tomb, . And usher from its brooding gloom The vicum of your swage code, To the free sun and air of God, Nor I nger dare as crime to brand, The chastening of the Almigery's hand.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS. - If we ma i dge fro n the Jeffersonian Democrat, the Read ing people are a delightfully friendly common vealth. A female correspondent gives the following specimen of friendly relations among the ladies of that delightful village.

"I will venture to say that there is not a sin gle dress made in this city for a lady in this town that has not been borrowed some half a d zen times by kind friends. Once in their lands, alas for its fate. It must be subject to all kinds of measuring, fingering, &c , and most probably pays a visit to a dress maker for a pattern; why sir I know an acquaintance of mine had a bonnet actually ripped apart by a milliner in order to find out how it was made-you may guess how it looked after being again put togeth

PICTURE OF GLORY WHEN THE GLARE IS PAST .- INDIA. After the battle.

Near midnight, when about to retire to rest, an order was received from the Commander in-Chief to detach an officer and one hundred pio-neers for the purpose of collecting the wounded, and also such arms and accoutrements as could be found on the field of battle. This severe duty devolved upon me, as the other officers were laid up from the fatigue they had undergone throughout the day. Several palanquins belong ing to the head quarters were kindly sent to bring in the wounded, as none of the public dooly boys could be procured,—they having dis

persed in search of plunder.

The scenes of woe and misery I experienced during this dark dismal night, in my progress over the field of battle amidst the carnage of the day, will never be effected from my memory.

the groans and screams of the dying and wounded constantly struck my ear, as also the pitious wailings of the wives, daughters, fathers. or sons of those who had fallen, or the cries of others in search of their missing relatives. With these heart-rending sounds were often mixed the wild execuations of the dying, who were attempting to repel the marauders who came for

the purpose of plunder and repine.

We found many bodies of our own soldiers in a perfect state of nudity, which plainly evinced they had not escaped those indignities offered to the dead and dying by the profligate followers of

Our enemies were treated in the same manner; the wretches who wandered over the field in search of plunder" spared neither friend nor for when there was a prospect of booty. We rescued a considerable number of the wounded from this lonely death, the most terrible to the imagination; but several of them had fallen victims to the cowardly assas ins or the inclemency of the weather before we rould afford them rescue or relief. The ground was clay, which had been saturated by the beavy rains and trodden into a quagmire by the passing and repassing of men, animals, and carriages; a misty, drizgling rain fell incessantly, and these circumstanes rendered our toil exceedingly difficult and

THE PAISONER FOR DEST tedious. We had to wait a considerable time for the return of the palanquing from which the field hospital, whither our wounded were conveyed, so that the morning dawned ere our task was completed.

the scenee which I witnessed in the hospital vere scarcely less harrowing to the feelings than those in the field. Dr. A. and the rest of the staff employed all that skill and energy could suggest for the relief of the sufferers. Law them perform several very difficult operations and amputations, and especially one on Lieut H. whose knee was severely shattered. He sus-

FOR WHAT WERE WE BORN?

shave, the sun, moon, and stars; and fied as the blue heavens it reflected. then think of ourselves, frail weak crea- Mount Etna, the sun, the sea-what

we might accumulate this world's goods hands, while irresponsible emotion was and possess gold and silver in abun- legible in her trembling frame. Her throwing missilies at the executioner, Island, and every thing was ripe for em' itself in the middle of a life of ordanery dance?—if so our existence would be a humid eyes constantly wandered from curse, and disappointment be our hour- the marble image, scanning the distance and erect away behind the gendarmes' to the public authorithities by one of the tain forms part of a chain. y companion, -for millions of our fel- with such earnestness and power, that horsest but I have not yet finished. The accomplices. Blannerhasset was inlows seek for them in vain; they toil, la- had I stood upon the summit of Etna, or bor, and grieve after, yet never possess lain in the depths of the sea, that look

to-morrow-have may be sunk in oblivpleasure from the reward.

For what were we born? Was it that we might engage in the pursuit of Shrinking with sudden terror, I gaour fellow creatures would constitute of corruption, and our world be but a field of carnage and blood.

For what were we born! Was it hat we might excel in the arts or sciour time be employed, for it would only griove us to know, that our theories would be exploded by those of our sucgeneral and an for our works of art. they only would survive us but a short ed it.

ime, and then crumble into atoms. For what were we born? Was it hat we might make great and surpasing attainments in literature ? much as it would afford to interest and delight, vet even this, is unworthy of the sole ob ject of a life time, and our intellectual capacities are so limited, and so many ob-tecles hinder our researches, that at er all we could but say, we know nothing to what ought to be known.

We are immortal,-formed to live for ever, and shall witness the sun fadethe moon darken - the stars fall -and this vast universe burned up! We who I know not exactly how, threw himself shall stand unbarmed, "amid the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds,' and gaze on nature's funeral pile-for what were we born ! we may well laugh at the dea of Riches, Fame. Honor, Pleasure Arts, Science, or Literature constituting the sole or even chief object of our existence; we must have been born for higeer and nobler purposes,-we cer-

tainly exist for far more glorious objects For what were we born ? It certain. y was that we might glorify GOD,nothing that has a tendency to create sorrow or unhappiness, but to "do unto to ue." In fine, we were born, and are to exist heresfier in happiness; and spend eternity with the author of our being in Joy. Peace, and Love; far beyond the reach, or remembrance of the cares of life, and be in reality, what we were at first created, beings in the likeness and image of GOD.

Philada Sept. 1810.

Good -- A person stad, in our hearing, the other day that editors for the most part were a thin, pale-faced set. A lad standing near, made this witty ob servation to his chum; -"There, Bob. I told you I had often read about the ed Horial corpos."

Men and gold fix cach other's value.

From the Token.

THE MADONNA. The day had been sultry. Resolved to avail myself of the approach of evening to catch a breath of fresh air upon HORRORS OF THE GUILLOTINE, the sea shore, I provided myself with a guide, and sathed from the gates of Syracuse. Before wandering far I sudden nocurred - I think it was at Pamiers: ly caught sight of the most interesting The officers went to a man in prison, group my eyes had ever beheld. Upon stained the operation with unflinching courage, | a high, square pedestal, in a niche which but expired soon after it had been completed. Few, indeed, of those who received gun shot wounds survived, for he fractures were generally so extensive as to bing on lockjaw. Many young aspirants for military fame dazzled by the creeping plants twined around the shrine donna stood before me. Countless the eix months that he had been forgot. Aaron Burr was well aware. The gorthe interval of Mahedmore.

The interval of Mahedmore of last rays of the setting sun, and threw their tremulous shadows upon the pale When we look around us on the were toged with a gorden purple; and were toged with a gorden purple; and beavy triangle of iron slowly detached the mastering genius of his wife, he acceptable and numericative and numericative and numericative and numerication. It is the same trial, the same trial, the same consequences ensued. "Works were toged with a gorden purple; and beavy triangle of iron slowly detached the mastering genius of his wife, he acceptable and numericative and numericative and numericative and numericative and numericative and numericative and numerication. It is the same trial, the same trial, the mastering genius of his wife, he acceptable and numericative and

and if we seek for an answer by noticing eye, and as I afterward learned, the without being severed. Again he shrick the island were broken up, and its them, caunot but acknowledge their in- would have drawn me irresistibly plank and there standing, frightful, sufficiency to insure peace or happiness, thence. It was but too evident that For what were we born? was it that those eyes had lost some object which our names might be sounded aloud by no Madouna could restore to their long the trump of Fame, or we be the Hon- ing sight. Her tair mother, upon whose ored of the people ? if so, miserable in- placed leatures sat the blessed light of deed would our lives be reent, for vast inward p ace, knelt by her side. The numbers of mankind during all ages of mother was teaching a little girl of about the world have toiled by day and by six years to pray, and pointing to a cross night, at home and abroad for these dis-sculptured upon the square stone pedestinctions, and never received anything tal. In a cradle near them lay a sweetbut disgrace, or they who may have ly smiling infant, with its innocent eyes been the favorites of the people to-day, directed to the gross and the Madonna shove it. There were also others, woion, and even cursed; or if not so, by men and maidens, kneeling before the the time they reach the goal, and re- image; but I heeded them not-absorbceive the prize they drop off the stage of ed as I was in the contemplation of the

"She also, prays in vain!"

plensure by gratifying all our animal & zed around. Had my guide spoken! base desires and appetites? if so each of "Did you say something, Geronimo ?" 'Yes my lord, I meant that praver but so many particles of one vast mass would never help the fair Marcella more,

I was silent.

"Old Etna has been a long time quiet. Pietro will soon rise again from the ences? if so, uselessly indeed would sea, and drag her with him under the

These words, to me were perfectly enigmatical Etna-Pietro-I could not seize the connection. Geronimo perceiv

'So you know the story !' What story 1

·Of Pietro and Hermosea, Fifty ears are now past and gone." What was it, Geronimo ?

"Pietro was the handsomest youth in Syracusa; Hermosa, the fairest of Marcella's family. Pietro was poor; Her mossa was rich. Pietro loved Hermosa So far it is a common story. They could not be united. How natural Hermossa must marry another.

"During a terrible eruption of Mount Etna, poor Pietro, here from this-place. into the sea. But he had no rest there; which he was fortunate enough to renat times he comes again upon earth, in a form so fair and seductive, that the maiden who unfortunately beholds, must love him, and is irretrievably lost, On the evening before the wedding day, a becutiful island in the Ohio, then on Pietro sinks again beceath the waves, the borders of civilization. He built a leaving ha bera hed in despair. Hermossa was his first victim; the sea closed over her beautiful form. Eight days borders of Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio to talk to him of hard times." And ago, Marcella's betrothed lover disap- he had access to very refined society, peared. I am satisfied be was no other study and practice his precepts, pursue than Pietro, and that he will surely com to intermingle and interchange civilities. pel her to follow him. He usually does this during an eruption of Etna. She others as we would that they should do is the fourth maiden of whom Pietro has courtesy and the grace of his beautiful robbed her family. How ead it is to wife, his island became the general resustained alive, so that we may prepare know her impending fate, and be unable to afford her succor !"

again in Syracuse. My first visit was scene. Blannerhasset was a fine samto the Madonn's shrine. The same ple of a polished Irish gentleman, and family were kneeling before it. Marcel rendered himself a very affectionate obla's mother and sister were clad in deep ject of regard by the amenity of his man mourning. Marcella was not there, ners and disposition. His lady was a The benignant face of the Madonna was woman of rare beauty, and accomplishnow completely hid by the luxuriant vines. She hears and sees no more. The large cross was partially covered reigned the Queen of this beautiful kingby the foliage, and seemed to have in- dom of taste and refinement, which Blan creased in size.

am not superstitious; but I could not | bition, and when Burr, aware of her apon the wa beneath, and Mount Eina | confidently entrusted her with his plans above me without a shudder.

In the South, toward the close of last September, the following encumstance whom they found quietly playing at

of pur were on the point of forcing , the who had five times undergone his senmounted on the scaffold, told the suffer-

BLANNERHASSET'S ISLAND. "A few miles below Marietta, we pas sed Blannerhasset's Island. We ran under the lee of it some distance, but the thick wood of the river obstructs any view of the interior. We saw no trace of the beautiful maneion of Blannerhas-

set except a chimney at the north end of the island, which was all that escaped the fire in which that dwelling had been consumed. I hear, however, that the beautiful shrubbery still lives on the island which was planted by Blannerhas-

et, and that many of the walks he laid

out are now open. Blannerhasset was one of the Irish patriots who were compelled to flee from Ireland after their attempt to liberate themselves from the thraldom of England. He was possessed of a large amount of property, the greater part of der available in money before his departure. Disgusted with the corruption of retirement in the western wilderness, on it in a costly manner. Situated on the with which it was his custom constantly His hosp tality was unbounded, and this is not the fact. dealt out as it was by his own chivalric Six months afterward, I found myself and entertainments of which it was the gain in Syrange. My first, rejoined the lady, the sort of the country around, and it is even news carrier on his route -to peep ovments, which were heightened by a pure "and a bad one he is." and unimpeachable character. She perhasset had created on the Ohio; and Old Geronino wept while he related according to cotemporary accounts she

look upon the little child in the cradle. | commanding influence over her husband of Mexican dominion, she was fired enterprise, and immediately determined

to engage her husband as a confederate, Blannerhasset was a man of ductile tem per and was easily induced by the dazzling representations of prospective glory and honor which his ambitious wife

beavy trisingle of iron slowly detached the mustering genius of his wife, he ac. said he, "you see, don't do either; let world on which we live, the firmament before me tay the see, quiet and unrul- itself foliog by jerks down the side, un tively engaged in enlisting men, building us try them together." The result was til, horrigly to relate, it wounded the man boats, and preparing the essentials of successful; the boat shorthro' the waves, without kiding him! The poor creture his expedition. Many of the most res- and seen reached the wishedsfor haven tures, whose existence is of but short were they, compared with the maiden uttered a frightful cry. The disconcerduration, and even that short period fils who knelt before the image of the Virted executioner hauled up the axe, and led up with uncertainties, we may with gin, with her family, in prayer? The let it slide down again. A second time and deluded in the same manner as over the troubled waters of this world, propriety ask — For what were we born! fires of Eina flashed in her deep blue the neck of the malefactor was wounded. The entertainments on to the peacful shore of immortality. the objects mostly pursued and sought commotion of the voicano was but too ed, the crowd joining him, the execushores echoed only to the muffled our was but too ed, the crowd joining him, the execushores echoed only to the muffled our was but too ed, the crowd joining him, the execuof the conspirators, as they crossed from passion give strength? No more than they appear of so light and trifling a na- Her mouth was slightly parted; she no better effect attended a third stroke, the adjacent bank, or to the tramp of full, and after the fifth stroke the con- plans of Mexican redemption. A large the self-denying stoic school. Remem-For what were we born? was it that her delicate and almost transparent demned was still shricking for mercy. number of flut boats had been built on ber, moreover that a single great action, The indignant populace commenced the Muskingum, and sent over to the the result of great emotion, standing by who hid himself beneath the guilloune, barkation, when the plot was discovered elevation, is unheard of. Every mounhapless culprit, seeing he was left alone stantly deserted by his followerr, & feft on the scaffold, raised himself on the alone to brunt the storm. Timothy Bu- ler with a sensible, married woman in el, commender of the militia, with a hours than with a young girl in whole streaming with blood demanded with small detachment went over to arrest days. It is next to impossible to make fearfurand feeble cries that some one Blannerbasset. He had hardly set foot them talk, or reach them. They are should unbind him. The populace, full on the Island before he was met by Mrs like a green walnut; there are half a do-Blannerhasset, whose spirit seemed to zen outer coats to be pulled off, one by gendances to help the hapless wretch, rise with the increasing desperation of one and slowly of their characters. her fortunes. She had seen the party tence. At this moment a servant of the coming, and snatching up a pair of her executioner, a youth under twenty, hu-band's pistols, she ran from the house to meet them Just as the milier to win round that he might unbind the major stept out of the boat, she seizhim, can taking the advantage of the ed him by the shoulder and thrusting posture of the dying man, who had yiel- him back, presented two forminable pisded himself without any mistrust, sprang, tale tall in his face, cocked and primed, on him and slowly cut through the neck commanding him in the most positive with a knife. All this happened, all tone not to advance, "One step forward this was seen. According to law a and I will send you into eternity; it is existence ere they reap any benefit or strangely expressive face of that praying judge was obliged to be present at this easier for me to do than to say it," were execution. By a sign he could have her words according to my narrator, who stopped all. Why was he leaning back was one of the party Her splendid fig in his carriage then, this men, while they massacreed another man? What fixed with a strong and determined gaze was he doing, this punisher of assassins her hands cienching firmly the pistols while they thus assassinated, in open which she held at arms length, told the day their fellow creature? And the judge militia major in language not to be miswas not tried for this; and no tribunal in taken, the terms on which he might adquired into this monstrous violation of vance. The old fellow qualled and trem il law on one of God's creatures. bled before the courseous woman, and was forced to turn without his victim. Blannerhasset made his escape and is now, or was a few years since, living with his wife in poverty in France.

> A FORCIBLE PREACHER. - At a Camp Meeting, lately held in Connecticut, preacher delivered himself of the follows ing 'I would that the gorpel were a wedge& I a beetle, I would whack it into every sinner's heart among you."

HORRIBLE DISTRESS! -- 5000 buman beings, madewrotched by the present administration, have crowded the hotels at Saratoga, where they pay #4 per day for board, and \$5 per bottle for log cabin champsignel O horrid. Give us a change - Thistle.

A FACT-An exchange paper says most truly-"When the poor men, who depends upon his daily labor for the sup port of his family, finds that after supplying his family with all the usal neces courts and turmoil of politics, he sought saries and comforts of life, he has more money left at the expiration of his week his month, or his quarter's labor, than he had at any given time during the printely mansion on it, and embellished greatest inflation of the paper monage aubble, or bank expansion, it is in vain such a period exists at this very moment of federal starvation, ruin and beggary ! -We appeal to every candid man

> There is one thing that people ought never do-yes, three: to question a

A Good REPLY .- "Hollo there, you little ragged, bare-footed, bare-headed fellow? Who is your master? "Want pantaletts, We wish Greene had furis my mas er," replied the poor outer st,

A BEAUTIFUL REMARK. - Joseph Napoleon, in a recent letter respecting the to say any-thing more on the ashject, proposed removal of the remains of his Colonest-Troy, N. Y. Budget. to me how the delicate form of Marcel- deported herself with a grace and digni. great brother from St. Helena to Paris, No-we dare not fellow up the cent-She was a woman of high spirit and am of the peor and the blood of the brave." be the ERD. - Bos. Poet.

FAITH AND WORKS.

A person who had peculiar opinions touching the "full assurance of frith," having occasion to cross a ferry availwith the boldness and intrepidity of his ed himself of the opportunity to interregate the boatman as to the grounds of his belief assuring him that if he bad faith he was certain of a blessed immortality. The man of oars said he had always entertained a different notion of the subject "Let us suppose," said cards, and gave him notice that he was -et before him to become a participator the terry man, "that one of these oars is to die in two haurs. The wretched with Burr. He was more over a liber- called faith and the other works, and creature was horror struck; for during slist of the French school, of which and try their several merits." Accordingly throwing down one oar in the ten, he hid no lorger thought on death: geous representation which Borr held boat, he proceeded to pull the other taken to be place of execution; the ex- soul, as he entered with enthusiasm into said he, t'you perceive faith won't do ecutione took him from the priest, laid what he believed an houerable and hu- let us try if werks can.' Seizing the oth

the French revolution gave freedom.

DEFFIDENCE. - A man gets along fas-

PURSUIT OF HUSBANDS. - For a waw man to look on knowledge, grace and accomplishments only as baits to the rook with which she fishes for a hosband, and not as precious in themselves s like shooting game with diamonds, or finging sceptres at fruits.

AN UNGALLANT JURY .- Mick Sinclair, in one of her late works, says that a man was lately tried in England, for besting his wife-the proof was positive -- and the jury retired and spent a . long time in deliberation. When they reentered the court room, and the Judge solemnly asked for their decision. it was noan mously delivered in these words, "sarved her right!"

How A Rich MAN MAY DRESS .- Nobody blames a rich man for going with his elbows out, because every one knows that he has got money enough to get him a new coat; but it is unpardonable in a poor man to go ragged, because every one knows that it is out of his pow er to do otherwise.

A palpable Hit .- A few days since a traveller stopped into a bank located in the neighborhood of this city. and immediately after his entrance pulled off hat, coat and cravat; this done he cast a look at the cashier, who was seated in a corner, "calm as a summer morning" and with a commanding shake of the head said, "Sir, had'ns you better be getting that water heated?"

The Teller informed him he was in the wrong shop.

"A Bank, hall ejaculated the stranger, "darn 'em they told me it was a shaving shop .- Western Hemisphere.

Good Book-KEEPERS .- Sir Walter, in lending a book one day to a friend, cautioned him to be particular in return ing it. "This is really neccessary," said the poet in apology; for though many of my friends are bad arithmeticians I observe almost all of them to be good book keepers."

MAKING GAME. - A gentleman lately complimented a lady on her improved appearance "You are guilty of flattery," said the lady, "not ao," replied the gentleman, "for I vow you are as plump as a partridge." "At first," rejoined

The Boston Post says the Harrison ladies in that city wear straps to their nished us with some inferences on the subject. Having adopted it, it cannot be that they are ashumed of the badge of Harrisonium or the emblem of the where's bravery! Have you courage

la became a pray to the fury of the ly that might have become a throne, says, - "gold in its analysis is the swest jact - for there's no telling where would